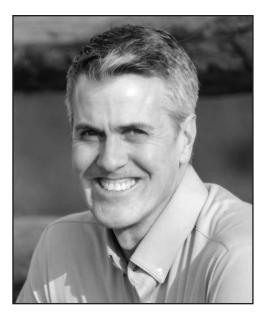
# **House District 20 Representative**

# **Andrew T. Gray, Registered Democrat**



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OCCUPATION: Physician Assistant

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 6 years

# **ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Anchorage 1998-1999 Anchorage 2017-2022

# **EDUCATION:**

BA in English Literature, UT Austin
MS in Physician Assistant Studies, Baylor College of Medicine

# **MILITARY SERVICE:**

California Army National Guard 2014-2017, Physician Assistant Alaska Army National Guard 2017-present, Physician Assistant Deployed to Kosovo 2019-2020, awarded Meritorious Service Medal

### **POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Board, Campbell Park Community Council, 2021-2022

# **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Physician Assistant, Alaska Veterans Administration Health Care 2017-2022

### SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

American Federation of Government Employees, 2017-2022 American Academy of Physician Assistants, 2010-present Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants, 2017-present

#### SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Yoga Teacher, Alaska Club, 2017-2021 Anchorage Opera Chorus, 2017-2022

#### OTHER

Prior to becoming a physician assistant, Andrew Gray traveled the world as an English teacher, classical singer, and yoga instructor. He co-founded Anchorage Action, a non-partisan grassroots organization that opposes corruption in local government. He hosts the "East Anchorage Book Club," a weekly podcast focused on Alaskan politics.

#### STATEMENT:

I knew my heart belonged to Alaska when I first drove into Anchorage as a new college graduate in 1998. Alaskans surrounded me with friendship and support, and it is their generosity that inspires me to run for the State House today.

I believe in everyone having a home they can afford, access to safe infrastructure, and a financially stable future. These basics spur opportunity and keep Alaskans in our beautiful state. We can achieve this outcome with common sense, compassion, and courage.

Common sense: Infrastructure challenges plague Alaska in ways unlike the Lower 48. We need safe roads, a reliable port, and affordable energy. We do this by strategically implementing the billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funds recently passed by Congress.

Compassion: People need stable roofs over their heads so they can focus on getting to work, buying groceries, and providing for their families. Without adequate housing, people suffer, and the economy suffers. I will work with my colleagues in the legislature to incentivize affordable housing construction and create opportunities for new businesses to thrive.

Courage: I am committed to protecting our privacy, rights, and freedoms. Thanks to friends on both sides of the aisle, I am uniquely positioned to break through partisan gridlock to create a future for our children filled with boundless opportunities. This means stabilizing our economy, funding critical government services, and preserving the Permanent Fund for future generations.

With common sense, compassion, and courage, all of this is possible.

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